

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph at page 7, lines 8-22 as follows:

Referring to FIG. 1, a limiter circuit is composed of a terminator 1, a PIN diode 2 serving as a first limiter element, a PIN diode 3 serving as a second ~~limier~~ limiter element, a DC return line 4 serving as a first DC return element, a DC return line 5 serving as a second DC return element, and a transmission line 6 of  $\lambda/4$  ( $\lambda$  denoting a wavelength, i.e., a quarter-wave length) ( $\lambda/4$  transmission line 6) having a predetermined characteristic impedance. The transmission line 6 is provided with a signal line conductor 6a and a common line conductor 6b. The limiter circuit also includes a set of input terminals 7 and a set of output terminals 8. The set of input terminals 7 is composed of a signal line (side) input terminal 7a and a common line (side) input terminal 7b. The set of output terminals 8 is composed of a signal line (side) output terminal 8a and a common line (side) output terminal 8b.